

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application as amended herein. This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 10, 2007. Claims 1-32 stand rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 17, 20-22, 28, 31 and 32 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objection

The Examiner objected to claims 1, 20, 31 and 32 for minor informalities. The claims have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 6-15, 20-21, 24-26 and 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Majumdar, (U.S. Patent No. 6,639,615, hereinafter "Majumdar") filed May 28, 1999, in view of Shannon, (U.S. Patent No. 6,233,618, hereinafter "Shannon") filed March 31, 1998, and further in view of Dascalu (U.S. Patent No. 5,958,015, hereinafter "Dascalu") filed October 29, 1996. Claims 4-5, 16-19, 22-23 and 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Majumdar, in view of Shannon, further in view of Dascalu, and further in view of Brandt (U.S. Patent No. 5,892,905, hereinafter "Brandt") filed December 23, 1996.

Majumdar discloses a method for locating files and building shortcuts for future references to those files. A shortcut contains the location and name of a file. Shortcut names are stored in a shortcut cache. In addition, a mapping file stores shortcut names in organized fashion enabling access to individual shortcut names. To locate a file, the shortcut cache and the mapping file are searched for a shortcut for the file. If the shortcut is found, the location and name of the file is returned to the requestor.

Contrary to the presently claimed invention, Majumdar searches files containing known

types of data that are organized using a predefined format. In particular, Majumdar searches a shortcut cache and a mapping file that both store shortcut names in organized fashion (see Majumdar, col. 3, lines 34-43). In the presently claimed invention, in contrast, the search is performed in free-form text contained in documents stored on multiple data storage media of a client device. In addition, in Majumdar, the search is performed for shortcut names and not preselected data as required by the presently claimed invention.

The Examiner acknowledges that the Majumdar does not disclose performing a search for preselected data and cites Shannon for such teaching. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Shannon discloses an access control mechanism to limit access to information available on the Internet. Shannon uses a network-walker which “continually surfs the web and examines Internet content providers to gather newly found URL’s and IP addresses of web servers or other content providing computers” (Shannon, col. 10, lines 2-6). Content referenced by a newly found URL or IP address is then examined to determine its restriction category, which is stored in an access control database. Users in predetermined groups are associated with specific restricted categories and these associations are stored in a group/category database. When users make requests for web pages, server locations or data files having Internet access addresses that appear in restricted categories, the users are denied access to the requested information (Shannon, col. 8, lines 2-12).

Contrary to the presently claimed invention, Shannon discloses searching a database of URLs or IP addresses for client source information. The presently claimed invention, in contrast, searches free-form text contained in documents stored on multiple data storage media of a client device for preselected data. Thus, Shannon lacks the same features that are missing from Majumdar. These features are also missing from each of Dascalu and Brandt.

Accordingly, the cited references, taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest

the limitations of the present invention that are included in the following language of claim 1:

1. A method for a client device, comprising:
 - searching, locally, free-form text contained in a plurality of documents, the plurality of documents being stored on a plurality of data storage media of the client device, the client device being a personal computing device;
 - detecting locally at least a portion of the pre-selected data in the free-form text of at least one of the plurality of documents stored on any of the plurality of data storage media of the client device; and
 - sending a notification of detection of the pre-selected data from the client device to a server coupled to the client device via a network.

Similar language is also included in independent claims 20, 31 and 32. Accordingly, the present invention as claimed in independent claims 1, 20, 31 and 32 is patentable over the cited references.

Claims 2-19 and 21-30 depend on claims 1 and 20 respectively and therefore include the same limitations as claims 1 and 20, as well as some additional limitations. Thus, claims 2-19 and 21-30 are patentable for at least the same reasons as given above with respect to claims 1 and 20.

Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION


Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Marina Portnova at (408) 720-8300.

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